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SECURITY INFORMATION

26 DECEMBER 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Training Liaison Officers, Staffs and Divisions, OSO

SUBJECT: Maritime Operations Training

1. As previously announced, TRC is engaged in the development of a comprehensive training program in the field of maritime support to clandestine operations of OSO and CPC. The assembling of a qualified staff, the acquisition and installation of proper training areas, the development of realistic operational doctrine and adequate training materials will require considerable time. Present estimates of TRC indicate that the full program as approved by OSO and OPC cannot be implemented before fall 1952.
2. However, in order to meet, at least partially, existing training requirements of the covert offices, TRC is currently preparing a maritime orientation course which will be conducted initially on a one-week basis and later possibly be expanded until such time as the full maritime training program can be implemented. The purpose of the maritime orientation course is to introduce case officers at headquarters and in field stations to the problems inherent in planning, development, conduct and support of clandestine maritime operations.
3. A tentative draft of the one-week course program prepared by TRC is attached for your information and comments. TRC welcomes any suggestions which would assist in the development of an effective course.
4. It is desired that the Foreign Divisions indicate the number of officers who are to participate in this course during the next ten months. It is contemplated that such a course will be conducted regularly if there exists a sufficiently large requirement.
5. It would be appreciated if the information requested by Paras. 3 and 4 would be forwarded to the OSO Training Officers by 29 December.

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